

WHEREAS, the General Assembly directed the Constitutional Convention to establish an information service for the purpose of regularly communicating to the people of Maryland information about the proposed new Constitution in order to allow them to become informed before voting in the referendum on the proposed constitution; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to continue a program on public information with a committee of delegates to formulate the program and supervise a public information staff from the time of adjournment of the Convention until the voting in the referendum; and

WHEREAS, it will also be necessary to maintain a staff and offices for an indefinite period following the close of the Convention in order to conclude the business of the Convention and to compile, preserve, and publish where desirable, its files, records, transcripts, histories and journals; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to provide for offices, and to engage employees needed to carry out this work,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Constitutional Convention carry out the mandate of the General Assembly by providing for a program of public information to continue after adjournment of the Convention until the referendum on the constitution proposed by the Convention, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President of the Convention be directed to appoint from the delegates a chairman and members to a post-Convention Committee on Public Information which shall formulate an impartial public information program for the purpose of communicating to the people of Maryland information about all pertinent issues, and which shall provide for the publication of the whole Constitution proposed by the Convention in such manner as will allow the people of Maryland to become informed before the referendum, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President be authorized to select a staff and establish offices to provide for the orderly conclusion of the business of the Convention, including the compilation, preservation and publication where desirable, of its files, records, transcripts, histories, and journals, and be it further

RESOLVED, that should funds in the Convention budget be inadequate, the President is authorized to request sufficient

funds from the State of Maryland to fully implement this resolution.

THE PRESIDENT: The resolution is referred to the Committee on Calendar and Agenda. It will be printed and made available to you as early as you are available on Tuesday. It will be on the calendar for action as soon as we conclude consideration of pending matters.

Delegate Stern.

DELEGATE STERN: A point of personal privilege.

THE PRESIDENT: State the privilege.

DELEGATE STERN: My chart, which has probably been the only piece of demonstrative evidence, I would like to present to Dick Case, inscribed "To Dick Case, without whose efforts this chart would not have been necessary".

*(Laughter.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Finch, if your camera is still operative you may be able to get a real action shot.

Delegate Case.

DELEGATE CASE: Mr. President, in view of the lateness of the hour, all I am going to say is that this chart is going to bond me together with Howard Stern for a long, long time.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Case, I suggest to you that if you are really as fond of that chart as you appear to be, and if you can devise some way to frame around that piece that sticks out. I think you can get the office across the street to put a frame on it for you.

Before recognizing Delegate Powers, I want only to say to you that the latter part of this year has been indeed one of a great deal of work and trying efforts but I think also has been one of very close, warm and enduring friendships, and I for myself want to wish you, each and every one of you, a very, very pleasant and relaxing weekend and a very happy New Year.

*(Applause.)*

*(Delegates rose and sang "Olde Lang Syne".)*

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. President, without continuing the music, I move we adjourn until 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 2.